

SENATE REPUBLICAN '04 AGENDA

WORKING TODAY FOR MICHIGAN'S TOMORROW

The GOP vision for Michigan includes providing a job opportunity for anyone who wants to work and support their family. It includes a great education for every student, affordable health care for families and senior citizens, and an opportunity for every Michigan resident to choose their own path toward a brighter future. The legislative agenda laid out below focuses on preserving Michigan's precious environment, protecting Michigan's families, educating Michigan's youth, building a healthy Michigan and improving Michigan's economic competitiveness.

We are Working Today for Michigan's Tomorrow . . .

IMPROVING COMPETITIVENESS

- JOBS (Job Opportunities for Business Success)
 - Tax pause for new businesses
 - Forestry Management
- JOBS II (Announced soon)
 - More opportunities to effectively stimulate the creation and retention of Michigan jobs.
- Balance fiscal year 2005 budget
- Ensure economic growth through transportation



PROTECTING FAMILIES

- Identity Theft Package
- Lead Screening Package
- Grandparent Visitation Package
- Prize and Sweepstakes Regulation Act
- Help America Vote Act
- Day Care Savings Account
- "Scam-free zone"
- Limit passengers for young drivers
- Strengthen child support collection
- Promote parental consent
- End "video voyeurism"
- Update Charitable Organizations and Solicitations Act
- Protect minors on Sex Offender Registry
- Standardize drug courts
- Review Homeland Security



EDUCATING YOUTH

- Blue Ribbon Committee on Adult Education
- Stretch education dollars
- Promote local education reform
- Increase educational accountability
- Control tuition increases



PRESERVING MICHIGAN

- Complete Recycling Package
- Fight Ozone Non-attainment Standard
- Stop out-of-state waste
- Prevent Great Lakes chemical spills
- Pursue Land Use Report recommendations
- Assess agricultural land use
- Modernize Drain Code
- Regulate manufactured housing



BUILDING A HEALTHY MICHIGAN

- Health Savings Account
- Mental health parity
- Patients' Rights
- Mental Health Board accountability

